

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 98-033
FINAL REPORT
DATE: April 27, 1998 TIME: 3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Water line break – city of Williston.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: None reported.
3. DAMAGES: Preliminary estimates indicate that \$150,000 to \$200,000 in damages occurred when a plug slipped on April 8 in the main line that connects the city of Williston with its water plant. The line had been losing 500 gallons per minute (gpm), and had resulted in water use restrictions for residents of the 13,000-plus city.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: In addition to the previous report, the Williston city auditor has been compiling costs for the repair work.

STATE: In addition to the previous report, the N.D. Department of Health provided a water testing kit that allowed bacteria tests to be completed in 24 hours instead of 48 hours.

FEDERAL: No change from the previous report.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: None at this time.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Water restrictions were lifted April 22 after city crews installed a new plug in the main line where the leak occurred. Crews used jack hammers to remove the concrete that encased the equipment where the old plug was located. The plug had apparently slipped, causing the leak. Public Works employees were able to locate the plug locally, preventing a delay in making the repairs.

North Dakota National Guard soldiers of the 136th Quartermaster Battalion, tasked with assisting the city of Williston, had completed their mission and returned to Camp Gilbert C. Grafton in Devils Lake by April 24. In support of city operations, the Guard provided two 600 gpm pumps and 11,500 feet of six-inch tactical hose in an effort to bypass the break while repairs were made by Williston's city engineering staff and contractors. The Guard also assisted with sampling for bacteria in the water.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from the previous report.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous report.

9. OTHER: No additional information at this time.

Douglas C. Friez, State Director